

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

The title has been amended to be more indicative of the claimed subject matter.

Claims 12-15, 17, 18, 20, 21, 23 and 24 are present in this application. Claims 16, 22 and 25 are canceled by of the present amendment.

On the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting, claims 12-14, 18, 20, 21 and 23-25 are rejected as being unpatentable over claims 1-3 of U.S. 6,470,310, claims 16, 22 and 25 are rejected as being unpatentable over claim 4 of U.S. 6,470,310, and claims 12-15, 17, 18, 20, 21, 23 and 24 are rejected as being unpatentable over claims 1-18 of U.S. 6,704,702. Filed herewith is a Terminal disclaimer, and withdrawal of the double-patenting rejections is respectfully requested.

It is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and a favorable decision to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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